

include in the RECORD a recent article from the Lawrence Journal-World detailing his essential contributions to our war effort.

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**WORLD WAR II TOOK MATHEMATICIAN FROM CHALKBOARD TO DRAWING BOARD**

(By Dave Ranney)

World War II was—among other things—a math problem.

And Lawrence resident G. Baley Rice helped solve it.

Today, Price is leaving for England to help dedicate a museum that pays tribute to U.S. airpower in World War II and to the men and women who made it effective.

A Harvard-educated mathematician, Price had been teaching at Kansas University about five years when he got the call in 1943 from then-Chancellor Deane Malott.

"The war was on, but I had a deferment—I was teaching men in uniform," Price recalled.

But Malott told Price the U.S. Army Air Corps was putting together special problem-solving units of mathematicians, physicists, engineers and architects. Price, then 38, was a prime candidate.

"They wanted me to go to the South Pacific," he said. "And then as soon as everything was formalized and I'd said I'd go, they said, 'Fine, we're sending you to England.'"

Price spent the next two years—from 1943 to 1945—in England, helping bomber pilots improve their accuracy. Or, as he explained: "It didn't do much good to drop a bomb on a cabbage field."

**SOLE SURVIVOR?**

Now, Price is 97 years old. He's fairly certain he's the sole surviving member of the U.S. Army Eighth Air Force Operational Research Section.

It's both a distinction and an obligation, he said.

"I feel I should do what I can do to honor those who lost their lives," Price said.

He's leaving today for Washington, D.C., where he'll join his son, Griffith B. Price, and grandson, Andrew Price, on a flight to England. There, he'll attend dedication ceremonies at the American Air Museum near Cambridge.

Former President George Bush is scheduled to address the gathering. More than 4,000 U.S. veterans and family members are expected to attend.

"Last week, this nation was up in arms—rightfully so—over the events of Sept. 11 in which almost 3,000 people were killed. It was a great tragedy, and I will take nothing away from that," Price said recently. "But 30,000 members of the Eighth Air Force lost their lives during the war. That, too, was a tragedy."

Price said he's not worried about today's flight.

"At my age, I feel like I have to go."

The 70,000-square-foot museum features an extensive collection of World War II aircraft including a B-52 Stratofortress, B-17 Flying Fortress, B-29 Superfortress and a P-51 Mustang.

**HIS CONTRIBUTION**

Price prefers not to dwell on his contribution to the war effort.

For starters, he filed a report with the Air Force back in 1943. And it doesn't seem right to call attention to a civilian mathematician's tasks while others lost their lives.

But when pressed, price said he helped figure out plane formations and drop procedures that improved bombing accuracy.

"We found that smaller, tighter (formations) and dropping (bombs) simultaneously improved accuracy," he said.

Ted Wilson, a KU history professor who has studied World War II, said Price underestimated the section's contribution.

"They played a very important role," he said, noting that efforts to improve bombing accuracy played a key role in the military's efforts to cripple the German economy by bombing key factories.

After the war, Price returned to KU, where he later served as chairman of the mathematics department for 19 years. He retired in 1975.

Price and his wife, Cora Lee Beers Price, a longtime assistant professor of classic literature at KU, have six children. She is 93.

Earlier this year, the Prices donated a collection of their papers, books and photographs to the Kenneth Spencer Research Library at KU.

**PAYING TRIBUTE TO JOHN WALKER**

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 5, 2003*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an American hero. John Walker of Pagosa Springs, Colorado is a World War II veteran and a survivor of the Bataan Death March. John recently received the Purple Heart and the Prisoner of War Medal. I am pleased to share his story here today.

John, like so many of his generation, heeded the call of his country and fought for the United States during World War II. He was captured by the Japanese and survived the brutality of the Bataan Death March and three and a half years in prison camps, including Camp O'Donnell. John has a strong will to survive and made it through the terrifying ordeal to return home safely.

John could have easily become consumed by hatred over the way he and his fellow servicemen were treated, but rather John triumphed over that hatred and learned to forgive his former captors. John has even gone to Japan four times to help build churches there.

Mr. Speaker, on August 26th, John Walker was awarded the Purple Heart and the Prisoner of War Medal. These awards are certainly well deserved, and I join with my colleagues in saluting him. John, your bravery and dedication are an inspiration. Thank you, and congratulations.

**TRIBUTE TO DR. WILLIAM ANTHONY CARNAZZO**

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 5, 2003*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. William Anthony Carnazzo who passed away on June 19, 2003 after having led a long life of dedicated service to his community. During his lifetime, Dr. Carnazzo not

only served his country in the U.S. Army 7th Infantry Division for three years during World War II, where he earned a Bronze Star for his bravery, but also provided the County of Monterey with the invaluable commitment and service of a talented physician. Most importantly, however, he was a devoted husband and father. He is survived by his wife, Betty; two sons, Gerald Carnazzo of Coral de Tierra and William Carnazzo, Jr. of New Castle; two daughters, Gigi Knudtson and Carol Brown, both of Granite Bay; and two stepsons, Chip Worthington of Rohnert Park and Greg Worthington of Zion, Utah. Sadly, Dr. Bill's first wife, Carmel Carnazzo, passed away in 1974 after decades of love and friendship together. However, on a cruise ship the following year, Dr. Bill met and later married Betty, with whom he spent the rest of his life, becoming one of the few lucky people to find their true love twice in one lifetime!

"Doctor Bill," as his many friends knew him, lived in Monterey for 64 years. He was born in Carlentini, Sicily on May 23, 1915. Soon after his birth, his mother, Josephine Carnazzo, brought him to Omaha, Nebraska to join his father, Salvatore Carnazzo. Bill attended elementary and high school in Omaha and excelled in both academics and sports, particularly wrestling and football. In 1931, Dr. Bill entered Creighton University's premedical program and subsequently graduated with honors. He then entered the Creighton University School of Medicine, where he received his Doctor of Medicine degree in 1938.

On June 12, 1939, he and Carmel Ann Circo were married in Omaha. While on their honeymoon in Monterey, they were convinced by friends in the area that it would be a great place to start a practice and family. After seeing the beautiful landscape of Monterey, they agreed and later that same year they relocated to Monterey. In 1972, Dr. Bill's son, Dr. Jerry Carnazzo, joined the family practice. After 55 years of medicine, Dr. Bill retired in 1990. Oddly enough, his practice began and ended with the same patient and friend Ted Melicia, but such long-term care and attention was his calling card.

Dr. Bill's life was one of great service and commitment. He spent seven years on the board of what was then Monterey Unified School District. In 1946, he was appointed to fill a vacancy in the middle of a heated controversy regarding building a community college in Monterey. Two years later, Dr. Bill cast the deciding vote that resulted in the creation of Monterey Peninsula College, which has become a landmark educational institution for the residents of Monterey and the surrounding area. His work will continue on as he left a permanent mark in many facets of life for the Monterey Peninsula, especially education.

Dr. Bill's gentle, kind, humble and generous spirit touched both young and old in his private life and professional medical life. He was known and well respected for his selflessness and his ability to instill others with optimism and confidence. Dr. Bill's service is admirable and his character and dedication have made lasting impacts on our community and the people with whom he worked. It is an honor for me to pay tribute to the rich life and work of Dr. William Carnazzo.